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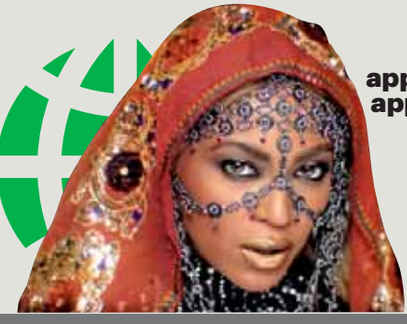

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Students point to 'broader context' in bus debate

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Mount Royal University students like Cordelia Snowden, Robbie Nelson and Shifrah Gadamsetti are hoping their voices are heard in the southwest BRT debate. HELEN PIKE/METRO

Public opinion: close call on CalgaryNEXT

DEVELOPMENT

Project's funding model unpopular with respondents

Lucie Edwardson
Metro | Calgary

Four in ten Calgarians support the CalgaryNEXT concept as it stands today, according to a recent survey.

In an exclusive ThinkHQ/Metro News survey conducted through an online research panel between January 17-21, 489 Calgarians were asked to weigh in on the controversial CalgaryNEXT project.

CalgaryNEXT is the Calgary Sports and Entertainment Corporation's proposal for an 18,000 seat arena to house the NHL's Calgary Flames, a 30,000 seat stadium for the CFL's Calgary Stampeders and a public fieldhouse along the banks of the Bow River in the West Village.

Just over half of respondents (52 per cent) said they didn't support CalgaryNEXT. That number jumps to three in four people when the funding model is introduced.

Marc Henry, president of ThinkHQ Public Affairs Inc. said despite a "high degree of engagement," most people aren't fully behind the project, largely because of the funding model. "It's missing the mark as far as most people are concerned," said Henry.

Henry also said the Flames haven't yet convinced the public new buildings are needed.

This online survey utilized a non-random sample, therefore the margin of error is not applicable. However, a probability sample of this size would yield a margin of error of +/- 4.4 percentage points 19 times out of 20.

The sample was weighted to reflect gender and age in Calgary according to StatsCan.

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Death of three-year-old boy suspicious: Police

CRIME

Investigators believe the incident was not random

Lucie Edwardson
Metro | Calgary

Calgary police have confirmed the death of a three-year-old boy in the city's northwest to be suspicious, but said it hasn't yet been declared a homicide.

At approximately 9:50 p.m. Saturday, police were called to check on the welfare of a resident in the 400 block of Ranchlands Grove NW. Once inside, police found a dead child.

Staff Sgt. Colin Chisholm said an autopsy began Monday and further testing is taking place; however, the victim has been identified as Isaiah Zoue, 3, of Calgary.

An adult female was found in the home in "medical distress" and taken to hospital in stable, non-life-threatening condition. Police will share no further information about her condition, but neighbours have told Metro the woman is Isaiah's mother.

Chisholm said they were asked to check on welfare of Isaiah and his mother by a family friend.

"This individual hadn't heard from the mother of the child since Wednesday and that raised concern to her," he said.

Chisholm said CPS is currently speaking to multiple persons of interest in the case.

"We have persons of interest we want to talk to for sure and we have spoken to some of them," he said. "We haven't spoken to everyone we want to yet though."

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> Staff Sgt. Colin Chisholm

According to Chisholm, CPS is sparing no resource and have obtained help from throughout the service for this investigation. He said they are searching areas surrounding the home, but believe the incident took place in the family home.

Chisholm said CPS wouldn't be releasing information about the nature of the child's injuries, but said CPS does not believe it was a random incident.

He said "it took us longer than we would have liked" to track down the victim's father, but said the father is not considered a person of interest in the case.

Isaiah Zoue. Calgary police have yet to determine if the boy's death is a homicide. FACEBOOK

CPS said the homicide unit continues to investigate.

Anyone with information about this incident is asked to contact police by calling the non-emergency line at 403-266-1234 or the Homicide Unit Tip Line at 403-428-8877. Tips can also be left anonymously by contacting Crime Stoppers.

SURPLUS

Committee greenlights $14M for projects

Helen Pike
Metro | Calgary

Councillors fought over every penny Tuesday and after a heated debate divvied up $14.4 million between the Calgary Economic Development (CED) and Calgary Housing — but no extra dollars for small business tax relief.

The $14.4 million was part of the $30-million surplus found by Mayor Naheed Nenshi just before the new year as administration was closing up the books. The committee recommended $7 million for the Calgary Economic Development and $7.4 to Calgary Housing. Those recommendations will now go to council for final approval.

Coun. Evan Woolley's $60-million tax break for small businesses he proposed the city take from its reserve was referred back to committee from council and ultimately voted down. It will now head back to a council meeting for the final vote.

"This is an inherently stressful endeavour for administration and council, in part because we're shifting gears pretty quickly from a town of pretty respectable affluence and growth … to a radical change in mood, a radical change in financial realities," said Coun. Brian Pincott.

Money allocated to Calgary Housing is slated to create an incentive program, which in turn would help build more affordable housing.

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HEALTH

Rural midwifery clinics are on the line

Jeremy Simes
For Metro | Calgary

Some Alberta midwifery clinics could close later this year if funding for the service doesn't meet the growing demand.

Alberta Health Services (AHS) and the Alberta Association of Midwives (AAM) are working on a new deal that details how many families midwives will be able to help for the 2016-17 fiscal year.

After their meeting in January, AAM president Nicole Matheson said midwives likely won't see a boost in funds to serve more families.

Though the issue is "premature," she said she's aware some clinics — especially in rural Alberta — might close due to funding issues.

"I think we're going to do our best and AHS is going to do its best to work with allocation to keep clinics that are serving rural Alberta from going."

Michelle Maisonville, president of the MaternityCare Consumers of Alberta Network, said it's unacceptable that clinics may close if funds aren't allocated appropriately.

"Rural communities — especially — have a difficult time attracting health-care providers for expecting families," she said. "We have a shortage of general practitioners and we have a shortage of obstetricians.... Consumers need midwifery care."

AHS said it respects the confidentiality of the contract agreement process.

AAM's current agreement, which expires in March, was meant to provide midwife care for 2,775 families.

In January, AHS interim president and CEO Dr. Verna Yiu said the authority is looking to make cuts to all of its departments to curb the growth of health-care spending.

AHS will table its budget later this month.

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Proposed bus-only lanes along 14th Street S.W. are causing a stir, but **local university students say they need better transit.**
HELEN PIKE/METRO

MRU youth pro-transit

STUDENTS

Want voices heard in bus route debates

Helen Pike
Metro | Calgary

It's not quite a fight of the classes, but when it comes to the planned southwest Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) route that would serve Mount Royal University, post-secondary students have a stake.

An out-of-the-blue lobby group, Ready to Engage, has stolen the spotlight in recent weeks as its battle with city officials over age-old plans to plop dedicated bus-only lanes along 14th Street S.W. heats up.

And its loud voice is a concern to students who have been looking forward to the city's project for years.

Student leaders will meet with figures including Coun. Brian Pincott to talk about why the BRT is so important on campus, especially for those trying to get to classes from the southwest.

"I always dreamed there would be an easier way to get to university than spending two hours in the cold trying to get here," said VP external Madina Kanayeva with the Students' Association at Mount Royal University.

"I'll be honest, it's my worry that they'll shut this down without thinking about and taking into consideration how it would help other people and how this would benefit the community."

Cordelia Snowden, a mature student at MRU, said where Ready to Engage finds negatives, she only sees positive. She lists factors such as less congestion, increased safety when waiting for the bus and more students using transit instead of driving.

Robbie Nelson lives in Palliser, one of the neighbourhoods adjacent to proposed changes. He's also a student commuter, taking several buses to MRU in the morning.

He's been waiting for the BRT since high school and said it's unclear why Ready to Engage is only coming into the picture now.

Nelson said the southwest BRT could give a reliable connection for MRU students to the downtown core but also help those trying to get to campus from the south.

"A few years ago with the west LRT line, there was a lot of disappointment on campus with there not being an LRT connection," Nelson said. "While the bus line isn't an LRT, it's a pretty good alternative all things considered."

Shifrah Gadamsetti, who drives to school but fully supports the BRT, said she's looked at the communities kicking up a fuss and feels they're missing the point.

"All these people in the community don't necessarily require a BRT; they have the access to vehicles, they have no problem affording multiple vehicles in a home. There's a lot broader context to observe in this."

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Calgary Board of Education Chief Supt. David Stevenson said the trustees and staff have made a commitment to better engage with staff going forward. AARON CHATHA/METRO

You're not listening to us, parents tell public board

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

Survey shows many feel their feedback is being ignored

Aaron Chatha
Metro | Calgary

> Without any real action ... it's all the same type of stuff that parents and people have been telling me for the last 10 years. Larry Leach

Many of the nearly 4,000 people who responded to the Calgary Board of Education's Public Engagement Survey feel their feedback on important decisions such as transportation and school program closures wasn't actually used when those decisions were made.

Forty-one per cent of parents felt that after sharing their thoughts and feedback, they weren't shown how their responses were actually used. When removing the results of those who answered "don't know" or "not applicable," that number jumps to 63 per cent of parents. Some respondents felt decisions were made before the board even reached out to parents.

The survey was launched at the end of last year after a number of incidents in which parents felt there was a lack of engagement, including changes to school bus stops last September that resulted in increased walk distances for some students.

"We've had concerns with transportation, and I think that's an item our parents want to be involved in more," said Chief Supt. David Stevenson.

"We've acknowledged that and we're happy to move forward on that."

Overall, Stevenson said, he was extremely pleased with the survey response, adding that there is a lot of interest from the public and staff to be more engaged with the system.

Stevenson cited the recent engagement with parents around international travel as a successful way to show parents how their feedback was used.

Larry Leach, chairman of the Association for Responsive Trusteeship in Calgary Schools, said the survey was a good step but is meaningless unless it's followed up.

"Without any real action behind it and without changing the culture to the point where the public think they're being listened to, it's all the same type of stuff that parents and people have been telling me for the last 10 years," he said, pointing out that the board has conducted public-engagement surveys before.

41%

The percentage of parents who feel they weren't shown how their thoughts and opinions were used in making a decision

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51%

Percentage of parents who said they had a negative or very negative experience communicating with the CBE on transportation

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TRUDEAU VISIT

Oil sector hoping for help from PM

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau travels Wednesday to Alberta, where the battered oil sector will look for signs Ottawa is serious about helping deliver its controversial commodity to tidewater.

The president of the Canadian Association of Oilwell Drilling Contractors said Tuesday the industry isn't looking for a handout, just federal support on the contentious issue of building pipelines.

Mark Scholz warned that if the industry can't get its product to market, then Alberta businesses are going to fail.

"What I would be looking for is a real strong indication from the federal government that they're serious about pipelines, they're serious about getting market access for us and that they're willing to put some political capital on the line," Scholz said in Ottawa, where he participated in a conference.

Trudeau's visit to Alberta comes as low commodity prices decimate business and government revenues in the resource-dependent province, forcing companies to lay off workers.

Federal Finance Minister Bill Morneau declined Tuesday to answer several questions about whether Ottawa would provide targeted assistance for Alberta.

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IN BRIEF

Controversial 'men's rights' advocate in Calgary

"Roosh V," a.k.a. Daryush Valizadeh, advocates the legalization of rape, having women protect their bodies like a purse or cellphone. He self-publishes what many call misogynistic content on an online blog Return of Kings — and his beliefs are coming to your city.

A worldwide meet-up, happening in Calgary on Saturday, has many on edge — including Mayor Naheed Nenshi, who echoed Ottawa's mayor in a tweet Tuesday morning.

"Your pro-rape, misogynistic, homophobic garbage is not welcome in Ottawa #its2016 #TurnAwayReturnOfKings" wrote Jim Watson. That prompted Nenshi to echo: "What he said. Goes double for Calgary. Thanks for your leadership on this, Jim."

One woman, who asked that she not be identified, said she found out about the meet-up after reading one of Roosh's blog posts.

"I felt very angry, almost livid," she said. "Honestly it disgusts me there's people like that in our city, or anywhere."

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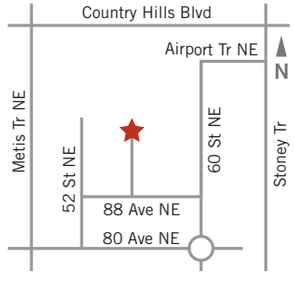

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War on distracted driving

POLICE

#Crotcheskill campaign gains momentum

Brodie Thomas
Metro | Calgary

Calgary Police Service is tapping the power of social media and celebrities for its latest safe driving campaign.

The force is asking Calgarians to take the pledge to drive undistracted, and on the first day the campaign hashtag #crotcheskill was trending in Alberta.

The hashtag comes from a previous campaign by the provincial government.

Const. Jeremy Shaw, digital communications officer with CPS, said the campaign is loosely based on the famous ALS ice bucket challenge because those who take the pledge challenge others on their network to do the same.

He noted that Jann Arden challenged country star Terri Clark when she took the pledge. Shaw said other Calgary organizations were getting in on the trend as well. Car dealerships have also been jumping on board.

He said it all helps to spread the campaign and the message that it's not acceptable to look at your phone while driving.

Staff Sgt. Paul Stacey with the CPS traffic section said he hopes the trend catches on because since distracted driving laws came into effect in 2011, they've simply been repeating the same message about why its dangerous to drive distracted.

"That kind of message — it almost turns into white noise," said Stacey.

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CHARITY

Help-the-homeless group angry at fees

A volunteer organization that helps homeless in Calgary feel the city is raining on their parade — or rather, fiesta — with fees and regulations.

The group YYC Helping Homeless has been hosting a weekly potluck dinner for the homeless every Saturday night on Riverfront Avenue — which they call a fiesta. Tammi Dagley, organizational coordinator with the group, said about 25 volunteers have been taking part since September, and generally serve food to about 100 homeless people.

"It's a party for everybody. We're making this for our families and we're choosing to go out there and share it with our friends in a potluck style. We all eat." She said last Saturday, bylaw officers showed up and politely told them they would need to get permission and permits from the city. After a call to 311, Dagley learned her group would need to pay a one-time fee of $26.50 and then a regular fee of $50.50 each time they want to host a fiesta. She finds the ongoing fee unreasonable, since the group is made up of volunteers.

Jennifer De Vries, communications supervisor with the City of Calgary, said the city does support what YYC Helping Homeless is doing, and she encouraged the group to contact the city to talk about the event. De Vries said the regulations around booking a space helps prevent conflict between two or more groups. She said there are also regulatory requirements around safety.

BRODIE THOMAS/METRO

Volunteers with YYC Helping Homeless have been hosting weekly outdoor potlucks on Riverfront Avenue. SUBMITTED

HEALTH

Walk-in clinics now stocked with anti-fentanyl kits

More than two dozen walk-in clinics across Alberta can now prescribe and supply a drug that temporarily reverses the effects of a fentanyl overdose.

Naloxone kits buy a user time to seek potentially life-saving medical treatment.

Alberta Health Services says it is distributing 4,000 take-home kits to 29 clinics and eight harm reduction sites in response to a rapid rise in fentanyl-related deaths. There were 272 overdose deaths involving fentanyl in Alberta last year — up from 120 in 2014.

Fentanyl, an opioid 50 to 100 times more potent than heroin or morphine, is a prescribed painkiller that is often added to illegal drugs. The naloxone kits contain two vials of naloxone, syringes, alcohol swabs, latex gloves, a breathing mask and instructions.

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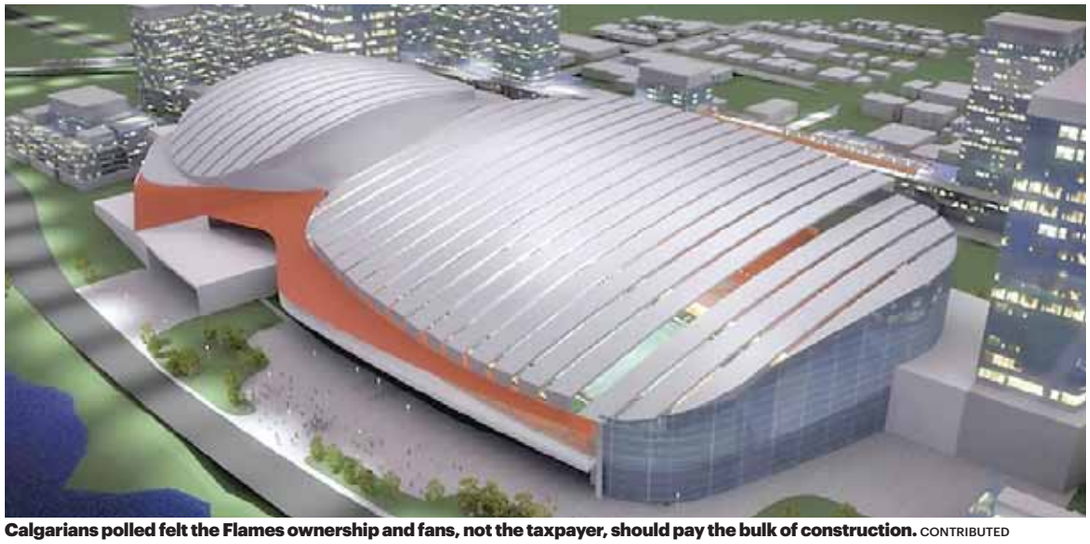

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People divided on need for new stadium: Poll

SURVEY

Many think current venues good enough

Lucie Edwardson
Metro | Calgary

Calgary Sports and Entertainment hasn't convinced Calgarians they truly need the CalgaryNEXT project, according to data collected in a recent survey.

In a ThinkHQ/Metro news survey conducted via an exclusive online research panel Jan. 17-21, 2016, 489 Calgarians were asked to weigh in on the controversial CalgaryNEXT project.

CalgaryNEXT is a proposed 30,000 seat stadium, 18,000 seat arena and public fieldhouse, currently proposed for the West Village area downtown.

Marc Henry, president of ThinkHQ Public Affairs Inc. said there are a few things that the plan for CalgaryNEXT "hasn't quite hit the mark on." The actual need for the facility is one such issue.

Respondents were asked their thoughts on whether the Saddledome and McMahon Stadium needed replacement, renovation or if nothing needed to be done at all.

"If you look at the extent to which the public actually believe the Saddledome requires replacing, it's relatively split on that, as well as McMahon Stadium," he said.

Survey participants were split in equal camps about the options.

"A third think it's just fine, a third think it could be replaced, and a third think you could get away with just renovating the thing."

> **You only have a third who think the project is truly necessary.**
> Marc Henry

Henry said the division of support is problematic for those pursuing public funding for the project.

"At the beginning of the project, when you only have a third who think the project is truly necessary you're going to have a really tough time convincing them that public money should be used for it," he said.

Henry said Calgarians believe the government should be pitching in less than 10 per cent for the project, and the rest should come from Flames ownership and facility users.

"As far as Calgarians are concerned it's Flames ownership who should probably in their mind be contributing on average 56 per cent of the funding, and almost 18 per cent think it should be coming from the users in the form of a ticket tax," he said.

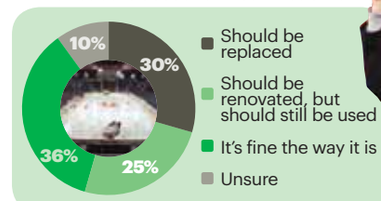
"The interesting thing to me is there isn't necessarily sort of zero tolerance when it comes to government involvement in the funding, " he added.

"There certainly is room there as far as the public is concerned to have some form of government participation in the project, but it's very, very modest in comparison to how it's framed today."

To join the Voice of Alberta panel, visit thinkhq.com

ThinkHQ surveyed 489 people online. Margin of error not applicable, but similar sample sizes yield margin of error of +/- 4.4 per cent, 19 times out of 20.

1 Which of the following best represents your own personal feelings about the Scotiabank Saddledome?



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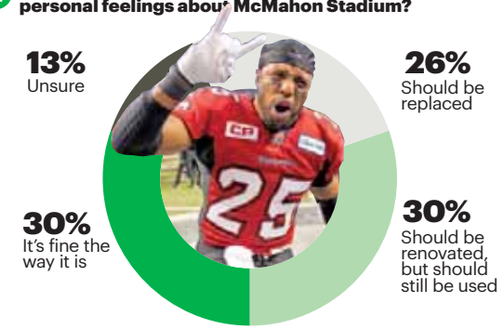

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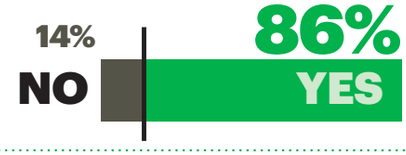
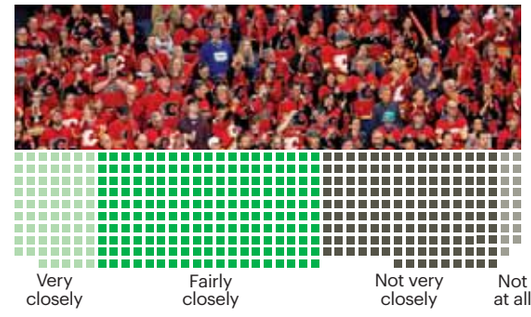


4 And since then, would you say that you personally have been following news about the CalgaryNEXT proposal...?



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Gloria Zakariasen teaches her grandson math — one of the areas she said ReThink Charter School would have focused on, had its application not been declined. AARON CHATHA/METRO

Application declined

EDUCATION

ReThink had aimed to help special needs students

Aaron Chatha
Metro | Calgary

Alberta Education has declined an application by ReThink Charter School that would have provided schooling for students with learning disabilities.

The minister of education said there are already programs available — but ReThink organizers said those are not enough to serve the population.

The ReThink Charter School would have accepted students from Grades 3-9 and already had 350 families interested in signing up, according to Judy Gray, one of the minds behind the application.

"We have families calling us and weeping, saying I can't afford $30,000 to send my child to a private school," said Gray.

In a statement, Education Minister David Eggen said he appreciated the time and effort put into the application.

"I can assure you that my department thoroughly reviewed this submission and concluded that the ReThink proposal wasn't significantly different from what's currently offered by Calgary's public and separate school boards."

Gray acknowledged that there may be programs available that focus on literacy, but between the Calgary Board of Education and the Calgary Catholic School District, there are more kids in need of a specialized learning environment than there are public school services available to them.

> We have families calling us ... saying I can't afford $30,000 to send my child to a private school.
>
> Judy Gray

She said research indicates up to 10 per cent of students can be diagnosed with a learning disability.

Eggen also cited a lack of research on the school's proposed TriOptimal learning model — but Gray said the individual theories used to create the model have solid research behind them.

ALBERTA NEWS

Lung cancer rate higher among Métis Albertan men

The Métis Nation of Alberta (MNA) is hoping to use a newly published cancer study to provide more preventative health services for Métis Albertans.

The study — conducted in partnership with Alberta Health and the University of Alberta — found there was a higher rate of lung cancer among Métis men, compared to non-Métis Albertans.

The reason for the higher rate of lung cancer is unidentifiable, though the study noted the smoking rate of the Métis population was more than double than that of the general population.

"Work needs to be done to address the high levels of lung cancer," said Joe Pimlott, vice-president of MNA.

The study found no difference in cancer mortality rates among Métis and non-Métis people.

JEREMY SIMES/FOR METRO

One in custody after shots fired in Douglasdale

One suspect is in custody after a shooting that took place late Monday evening in the city's southeast.

Acting Det. Martin Taylor said the Calgary Police Service was called to the scene in the 100 block of Douglas Ridge Circle just before midnight Monday evening, after reports of shots fired.

When officers arrived at the scene they located two men with minor injuries that were sustained during an assault. No one was struck by gunfire, however.

One victim was treated at the scene and the other was transported to hospital but has since been released.

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ALBERTA NDP GOVERNMENT

Meet your new cabinet ministers

Premier Rachel Notley rolled out some new additions to her team Tuesday. Here's a little bit about each of them. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Stephanie McLean
Calgary Varsity
Minister of Service Alberta, status of women

McLean is a partner at the law firm of Gosselin-Tardif McLean LLP. She holds a bachelor of arts in philosophy from Concordia University College and has received her juris doctorate from the University of Calgary.

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Christina Gray
Edmonton Mill Woods
Minister of labour, responsible for democratic renewal

Gray, 37, worked with an Edmonton software development firm prior to politics. She's a former chairwoman of the Edmonton Transit System Advisory Board and a former volunteer distress line operator. She holds a bachelor of arts degree in psychology and a diploma in software development.

Ricardo Miranda
Calgary Cross
Minister of culture and tourism

Born in Nicaragua, Miranda is one of three openly gay members elected to the legislature in May. He worked with the Canadian Union of Public Employees before politics and spent 15 years as a flight attendant. He holds a bachelor of arts degree from the University of Calgary.

Marlin Schmidt
Edmonton Gold Bar
Minister of advanced education

Schmidt, 37, worked for Alberta Environment as a soil and groundwater contamination specialist prior to politics. He holds a master of science degree in applied environmental geosciences from Eberhard Karls Universität Tubingen in Germany and a bachelor of science from Queen's University.

Brandy Payne
Calgary Acadia
Associate minister of health

Payne owned her own yoga business prior to politics. She holds a journalism degree from Carleton University and Mount Royal College and took project management courses at Mount Royal College.

Richard Feehan
Edmonton Rutherford
Minister of indigenous relations

Feehan, 55, was a social worker, former program director with the Edmonton Social Planning Council and vice-president of Edmonton's Catholic Social Services. He has a bachelor of arts degree from the U of A, a bachelor of social work from the U of C and a masters of social work from Wilfrid Laurier University in Waterloo, Ont.

POLITICS

Appointees include openly gay man, pregnant women

Premier Rachel Notley has expanded her inner circle by almost half, carved up responsibilities and titles and appointed an openly gay cabinet minister.

Ricardo Miranda, who represents the constituency of Calgary Cross, now heads Culture and Tourism.

"I guess it's historic in some ways, but to me it's just a reflection of how far we've come in this province," Miranda said Tuesday.

Kristopher Wells, director of the Institute for Sexual Minority Studies at the University of Alberta, used Twitter to congratulate the former flight attendant on becoming the "first publicly out LGBTQ cabinet minister in Alberta's history!"

"It's important to know our history and our past — this is a province that was very hostile and unfriendly to LGBT people until very recent times," Wells said in an interview, citing past opposition to same-sex marriage.

"I don't underestimate what this means to the LGBT community and particularly to young people who may strive to hold office."

Also new to cabinet are Calgary backbenchers Stephanie McLean and Brandy Payne, both of whom are pregnant.

McLean, who is due Sunday, is the new minister for Service Alberta, which is in charge of provincial registries.

She will also be responsible for the status of women, a duty formerly held by Environment Minister Shannon Phillips.

Payne becomes the associate minister for health.

Notley said the cabinet ministers who previously ran those portfolios will take over responsibilities as necessary while McLean and Payne are on maternity leave.

"We're going to accommodate that and ensure that we are a place where women can engage fully in the opportunities for leadership that all Albertans want and need to see them adopt," Notley said.

McLean said she plans to be briefed on the issues and be as active as possible.

"I envision perhaps being in the hospital shortly after giving birth, on a conference call," she said.

"Having never had a child before and having never been a cabinet minister before, these are things that will just sort of sort out as we go."

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Flirtatious emails were 'bait': Witness

GHOMESHI TRIAL

Letters sent after alleged attack emerge, stir courtroom

A woman who testified that she went to great lengths to avoid any contact with Jian Ghomeshi after he allegedly attacked her acknowledged during intense cross-examination on Tuesday that she sent him flirtatious emails long after their encounters.

In a dramatic development that set the courtroom on edge, Ghomeshi's lawyer produced two emails that appeared to contradict the woman's statements that she had been so traumatized by what happened, she'd even turn off the TV or radio when he came on.

The first email was written in January 2004, about a year after she said he had yanked her to the floor by the hair during a "sensuous" kiss in his living room and then punched her in the head.

"Good to see you again! Your show is still great," it says.

She goes on to provide a website address for him to watch a video of her "when you take a break from plowing snow naked," gives her email address and phone number and asks him to get in touch.

Defence lawyer Marie Henein, known for her no-holds-barred cross-examinations, pounced.

"You're now inviting the man who traumatized you to get in touch with you?" she asked incredulously.

"The email was bait," the witness responded. "It was bait to call me so I could get an explanation as to why he would violently punch me in the head. I had no interest in him."

Six months later, she sent a second email, also shown to the court. She writes she had been watching a show of his. Attached was a revealing bikini photo of her on the beach.

"I wanted him to call me," she explained. "I sent a photograph, again, as bait."

The emails were the climax of a relentless cross-examination that Henein began Monday as the lawyer poked holes in the woman's testimony and exposed inconsistencies in her various statements to police, the media and court.

In a statement released after her testimony, the woman said going to court and facing Ghomeshi had been "extraordinarily difficult" but worth it.

The trial continues Thursday after the Crown said there had been witness scheduling issues.

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Jian Ghomeshi leaves a Toronto courthouse after the second day of his sexual-assault trial on Tuesday.

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REPORT

Military ill-prepared for peacekeeping bid

The Trudeau government has promised to get Canada back into the peacekeeping business, but a new report from two independent think-tanks says the military is ill-prepared for the task.

The study by the Rideau Institute and the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives was penned by Walter Dorn, a professor at the Canadian Forces Staff College and one of Canada's leading experts in peacekeeping.

For the last decade, he says, the army has specialized in counter-insurgency warfare because of the combat mission in Kandahar, and other skill sets — once second-nature to Canadian training — were relegated to the back burner.

Dorn says the complexities of modern peace operations require in-depth training and education, on subjects including the procedures, capabilities and limitations of the United Nations.

He says Canada is currently far behind other nations in its readiness to support the United Nations and train for modern peacekeeping.

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PRIVACY BREACH

Tax agency doesn't know what information leaked

The federal revenue agency says it doesn't know what sort of taxpayer information a rogue employee improperly shared with the Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS) because CSIS has wiped the files from its database.

The Canada Revenue Agency said the employee who handed over the sensitive data — doing so even though CSIS lacked a judicial warrant — is no longer with the department.

The agency refused to disclose whether the person was fired or left voluntarily, citing privacy reasons.

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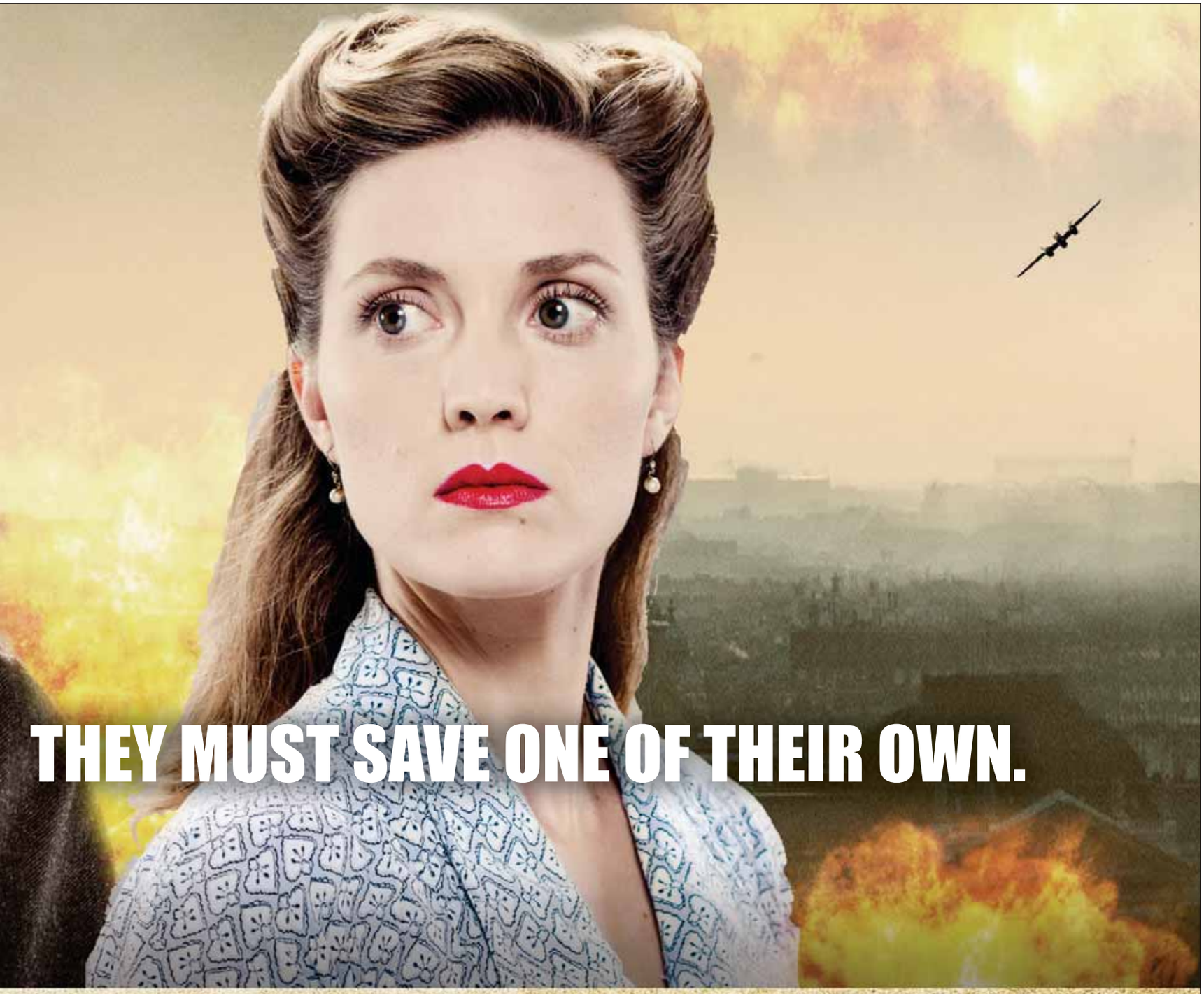

ALL-NEW EPISODE

TONIGHT 9

Clinton wins close caucus vote in Iowa

U.S. PRESIDENTIAL RACE

Sanders won't seek recount

Presidential hopefuls Bernie Sanders and Hillary Clinton went head-to-head Monday night in Iowa's caucus vote. Clinton only defeated Sanders by a thin margin, giving her momentum before the New Hampshire vote on Feb. 9. JOHN MINCHILLO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS; ELISE AMENDOLA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Hillary Clinton barely won the Democratic caucuses in Iowa, outpacing a surprisingly strong challenge from Bernie Sanders to claim the first victory in the 2016 race for president.

The former secretary of state, senator from New York and first lady edged past the Vermont senator in a race the Iowa Democratic Party called the closest in its caucus history.

The Iowa Democratic Party said Tuesday that it would not do any recount of the close results. Sanders spokesman Ted Devine said his campaign does not have "any plan or intention" to challenge the results, citing Sanders comments from Monday that the race appears to have ended in "a virtual tie."

Even a narrow victory for Clinton over an avowed socialist could complicate her quest for the nomination. But Clinton has deep ties throughout the party's establishment and a strong following among a more diverse electorate that will play a larger role in primary contests beyond New Hampshire, where Sanders is favoured.

Clinton, who entered the race as the heavily favoured frontrunner, was hoping to banish the possibility of dual losses in Iowa and in New Hampshire. Two straight defeats could set off alarms within the party and throw into question her ability to defeat a Republican.

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HEALTH

Zika virus sexually transmitted in Texas

A person in Texas has been infected with the Zika virus after having sex with an ill person who had returned from a country where the disease was present, Dallas County health officials said Tuesday.

It's the first case of the virus being transmitted in the U.S. during the current outbreak of Zika, which has been linked to birth defects in the Americas. Dallas County Health and Human Services said it received confirmation of the case from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Health officials did not release any details about the Texas patient, citing privacy issues. In a tweet, Dallas health officials said the first person infected had been to Venezuela, but did not detail when that person or the second person was diagnosed.

The Zika virus is usually spread through mosquito bites, but investigators have been exploring the possibility the virus also can be spread through sex.

There was report of a Colorado researcher who caught the virus overseas and apparently spread it to his wife back home in 2008, and it was found in one man's semen in Tahiti.

"That gives you the plausibility of spread, but the science is clear to date that Zika virus is primarily transmitted to people through the bite of an infected mosquito," Dr. Anne Schuchat of the CDC said during a recent news conference about Zika.

In the epidemic in Latin America and the Caribbean, the main villain identified so far is called Aedes aegypti — a species of mosquito that spreads other tropical diseases.

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VACCINE

Drugmaker Sanofi Pasteur said Tuesday it is launching an effort to research and develop a vaccine to prevent the Zika virus, after the World Health Organization declared a global emergency over its explosive spread across the Americas.

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UNITED STATES

Ex-DA testifies in Cosby case

The former district attorney who declined a decade ago to bring sex-crime charges against Bill Cosby testified Tuesday that his decision binds his successors and forever closes the door on prosecuting the comedian.

Former Montgomery County District Attorney Bruce Castor took the stand as part of a bid by Cosby's lawyers to get the case against the TV star thrown out because of what they say is a non-prosecution agreement from Castor.

The current district attorney has said there is no record of any such agreement.

Cosby, 78, was arrested and charged in December with drugging and violating former Temple University athletic department employee Andrea Constand at his suburban Philadelphia mansion in 2004. He could get up to 10 years in prison if convicted. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

EUROPE

Britain to mull EU proposals

Will the EU's offer be enough to keep Britain in the European Union? That remains to be seen. The proposals contain no changes to the EU's governing treaties, but Britain does win some concessions, notably a green light to limit benefits for migrants.

British Prime Minister David Cameron and the bloc's other leaders hope to seal agreement at a summit in Brussels starting on Feb. 18.

Here are the main points:

Regain powers from Brussels

The EU's founding treaties refer to the goal of creating "an ever closer union." The plan underlines that this does not mean extending the powers of the EU or centralizing sovereignty in Brussels. The leaders would agree that countries can integrate at their own pace, and that Britain "is not committed to further political integration."

Any draft legislation that might interfere with national sovereignty could be debated and possibly revised if 55 per cent of the 28 national EU parliaments oppose it.

Fixing the economy

Britain is not part of the 19-nation bloc using the euro single currency but it's a major European financial centre. Cameron has sought to ensure that the eurogroup does not act to the detriment of those outside.

The plan would outlaw any discrimination against those not in the eurozone and ensure that action taken by the 19 states respects the way the full European economy works. By the same token, non-euro countries would not be allowed to interfere in the group. Countries that aren't part of the euro won't need to pay for measures needed to protect the currency.

A more competitive EU

The EU has been on a drive to cut red tape in recent years. This plan places added emphasis on the need for the EU to compete better in the world economy and create more growth and jobs.

Leaders would commit to repeal unnecessary legislation and cut costs for small and medium-sized enterprises. They would promise to monitor progress and make changes to legislation if needed.

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North Korea to launch observation satellite

UNITED NATIONS

Critics fear banned technology used for rocket

Weeks after its fourth nuclear test, North Korea announced plans Tuesday to launch an Earth observation satellite on a rocket later this month, in what critics see as a covert test of banned technology for a ballistic missile that could strike the U.S. mainland.

An official at the London-based International Maritime Organization said North Korea declared that the launch would be conducted between Feb. 8 and 25, between 7 a.m. and noon Pyongyang time. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because she hadn't been authorized to speak publicly yet.

UN deputy spokesman Farhan Haq said North Korea also informed the International Civil Aviation Organization and the International Telecommunication Union of the planned satellite launch.

North Korean soldiers are silhouetted against model versions of the Unha 3 space launch vehicle which successfully delivered North Korea's first satellite into orbit. WONG MAYE-E/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

"Right now, we're carefully monitoring developments and are in close touch with the interested parties and the international organizations," Haq said at UN headquarters in New York.

The declaration, which is meant to warn civilians, shipping and aircraft in the area about the rocket and falling debris, follows North Korea's claim last month to have tested a hydrogen bomb, the country's fourth nuclear test.

The International Telecommunication Union said North Korea also informed its Geneva office of its intention to launch a Kwangmyongsong (Bright Star) -type Earth observation satellite with a four-year operational life. But the ITU's UN representative, Gary Fowlie, said not enough technical information had been supplied to register it in its Master International Frequency Register.

In Washington, Daniel Russel, the top diplomat for East Asia, said the U.S. was closely tracking reports of the North's planned launch. He said a launch that uses ballistic missile technology would be another violation of a UN ban and strengthens the argument for the international community to impose "real consequences" on North Korea for destabilizing behaviour. He called for the imposition of additional sanctions. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SOMALIA

Plane lands with hole in its side

An explosion and fire blew a gaping hole in a commercial airliner forcing it to make an emergency landing at Mogadishu's international airport late Tuesday, officials and witnesses said.

Two people were slightly injured as 74 passengers and crew of the plane were evacuated after the plane made a safe landing, Somali aviation official Ali Mohamoud said.

The plane, operated by Daallo Airlines and headed to Djibouti in the Horn of Africa, was forced to land minutes after taking off from the Mogadishu airport, said Mohamoud. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A hole is seen in the side of the plane. @HARUNMARUF/TWITTER

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Taxi drivers target Trudeau government

SHARING ECONOMY

Protest against Uber comes as regulator OK's insurance

Haley Ritchie
Metro | Ottawa

Taxi drivers from Toronto and Ottawa gathered Tuesday on Parliament Hill to call on the federal government to shut down ride-sharing company Uber.

"Parliament Hill is a national stage, and Uber is a national issue," said Amrik Singh, president of the Ottawa chapter of Unifor, which represents taxi drivers in the city.

"The municipalities are struggling to control Uber. They just don't have the resources. That's why we want the federal government to get involved," said Singh.

Drivers who came from Toronto estimated their turnout to number around 400, but guards on Parliament Hill said the total crowd was likely around 350 to 400 people.

Drivers and their unions say the ride-sharing company is eating into profits and not paying the same taxes and fees.

While many cities, including Ottawa, have committed to reviewing bylaws, drivers from both cities say not enough is being done.

"We believe the municipal level of government (and) the provincial level are not doing what they should be doing," said Karam Bunian, a taxi driver at Toronto's Pearson Airport who bused to Ottawa.

He said the Canada Revenue Agency should be investigating whether Uber drivers are paying proper HST. The crowd repeatedly called on the prime minister to intervene to protect "middle-class jobs."

"The unfortunate thing is all three levels of government are looking at each other and doing nothing. We hope they listen," said Bunian.

Meanwhile, Ontario's insurance regulator has approved coverage for drivers using ride-hailing services such as Uber, even as the province's legislature has yet to decide if such services are legal. The Financial Services Commission of Ontario gave Aviva Canada the green light to offer coverage for drivers carrying paying passengers in their own vehicles.

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Cabbies protest against the ride-sharing service Uber during a rally Tuesday on Parliament Hill in Ottawa. THE CANADIAN PRESS

WESTJET

Low loonie reversing cross-border travel

WestJet Airlines says the low loonie is prompting a role reversal in cross-border travel with more Americans heading north to catch flights and fewer Canadian travellers heading south to U.S. airports.

Officials at Bellingham airport in Washington state say traffic from nearby Vancouver was down 14 per cent last year, while activity at Vancouver International Airport grew five per cent.

And while the Calgary-based airline doesn't have national figures, it believes the number of Canadians boarding flights at airports in Plattsburgh and Buffalo, N.Y., along with Burlington, Vt., are also down.

"We're told that we have licence plates coming the other way now to fly out of Canadian airports, which is quite ironic," said Bob Cummings, executive vice-president, marketing, sales and guest experience.

About 5.5 million Canadians have crossed the U.S. border annually in recent years until a 40 per cent drop in the Canadian dollar wiped out much of the financial advantage. "It's great to see Canadians flying from home and WestJet is benefiting from that," CEO Gregg Saretsky said during a conference call about the fourth-quarter and 2015 results.

WestJet is also taking advantage of the low loonie to offer fares that are encouraging Americans to fly through Canada next summer when it introduces wide-body service to London's Gatwick airport.

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TRANS MOUNTAIN PIPELINE

Oil industry group blasts opponents

A vice-president at the Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers has lashed out at opponents of the Trans Mountain pipeline review process, calling much of the criticism "shameful" and "abusive."

Nick Schultz was first up Tuesday as a three-member panel weighing the multibillion-dollar project began hearing oral arguments from interveners in Calgary.

"In the course of this long process, you have been subjected to unfair criticism — systematic abuse, in fact — from some who simply want no oil pipeline ever anywhere," said Schultz, vice-president and general counsel at CAPP.

"We should not shy away from calling this abusive behaviour what it is: it is shameful. No reasonable process — old or new — will satisfy people with that as their objective."

Two weeks of oral arguments from interveners in Burnaby, B.C. — the end point of the proposed pipeline — wrapped up on Friday. Kinder Morgan is aiming to triple the amount of crude it currently ships from the Edmonton area to the Vancouver area, with the goal of shipping more oil to Asia.

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URBAN ETIQUETTE ELLEN VANSTONE

THE QUESTION

I feel like a lot of transit riders don't know how to behave properly. Maybe you could provide a few reminders?

Dear Ellen,
I know you've written about transit etiquette before. But I feel a lot of riders still don't know how to behave properly. Maybe you could provide a few reminders?
Michael, Toronto

Dear Michael,

After a recent, bruising experience on Toronto's Spadina streetcar, I am more than happy to oblige.

It was during rush hour. The car was fully crowded, and I was stuck standing halfway down the aisle, on the circular, moving floor plate that allows extra-long streetcars to swivel around curves and corners.

Beside me was a young man wearing a gigantic pack, which he should have taken off and held in front of him, or set on the floor, as per proper transit etiquette. Instead, he kept the pack securely fastened to his back, and monopolized the only available pole while heedlessly battering everyone around him.

As his nearest target, my noggin was treated to a near-concussive thump every time the streetcar jostled me within striking range. The impacts increased in both frequency and severity as the hinged car navigated around the roundabout at Spadina Crescent. As I repeatedly attempted a cartoonish scramble away from the vicious backpack, the moving floor plate simply flung me face-first into it over and over again. At a certain point, I was tempted to go with the flow and throw my whole weight into the backpack and attached owner. But I reminded myself that retaliating to rudeness with physical aggression would show a distinct lack of manners on my part.

So, with "remove your backpack" as rule No. 1, let's review some other points of transit etiquette:

Turn down your music: Even if by some bizarre chance we like the song you're playing, we don't want to listen to it bounced off your waxy ear canals via your leaky headphones.

Don't eat anything the rest of us can smell or hear: Discreetly nibbling raisins or a quiet muffin is one thing. Munching, slurping and crunching noisy snacks or squirty pungent sandwiches is strictly verboten.

Respect boundaries: Enjoy your seat if you have one. But please don't assume you're also entitled to spread your belongings or limbs across the seat beside you. Contrary to popular belief among some leg-spreaders, your knees are not allergic to each other. Seriously, knees can come well within 10 inches of each other without causing injury to any nearby organs.

Control your hoods: You may not realize it, but your big, fat parka hood takes up space. When you're sitting back-to-back with another rider, make sure your head gear isn't draped over the seat onto someone else's head.

That goes for big, fat hairdos too: Few things are more disconcerting than feeling someone else's hair spongily surround your own head or slip-slide down your back collar. I love to look at any kind of hairdo, but I don't want it touching me without prior consent.

Control your groceries: I know it might be fun to watch your bags of food repeatedly smack the head of someone sitting obliviously in a seat that, in the kind of just society where transit-etiquette refresher columns are unnecessary, would have been given up to you and your heavy burden of consumables. But it's still wrong.

Stand up to let people get out of the seat beside you: Don't just swing your legs a few inches to the side in a token effort to make room for a rider getting off before you. Leap to your feet and get out of the way!

There you have it: Not my first transit-rules review, nor, I fear, my last.

Need advice?
Email Ellen:
scene@metronews.ca

HAVE YOUR SAY: RACISM

GETTY IMAGES

Ellen's column last week — giving advice to Ivy, a self-described racist — touched a nerve. We got dozens of emails and tweets; some supportive, others highly critical. Do you have thoughts to add? Send your feedback to scene@metronews.ca.

ROSEMARY WESTWOOD
metroview

Witness 'satisfied' with her testimony. Perhaps Ghomeshi is, too.

Marie Henein, Jian Ghomeshi's lawyer, had paced the wood-panelled courtroom for an hour.

Tuesday, as the day before, she grilled the witness about the incongruous details in her claims that Ghomeshi twice sexually assaulted her in 2002 and 2003.

The witness, whose identity is covered by a publication ban, had told media and police that she had no contact with Ghomeshi after the last alleged assault. She said she didn't even listen to Q because it "re-traumatized" her.

But didn't she testify on Monday, Henein asked, to writing him an email?

"I said I have a recollection of drafting an email in anger," the witness said.

And that turned it. Henein then revealed the most damaging evidence of her withering cross-examination.

First, an email dated January 2004, a year after the last alleged assault, sent at 3 a.m.

"hello Play>Boy," it reads, a reference to the TV show Ghomeshi had hosted. "Good to see you again!" She offers her phone number.

Then another, sent six months later around 2 a.m., with a photo of the witness in a string bikini. In court, everything needs an explanation: Why did you say one thing to one person, and something else to another? Why did you send that email? Why did you see that man again? The explanations need to make sense. They better be rational. The burden of proof is high.

"Are you now prepared to admit that you have lied under oath?" Henein asked.

"No."

The witness explained the emails were a kind of bait: "I wanted Jian to call me, so that I could ask him why did he violently punch me in the head," adding: "I remember (now), reading this."

Memories change, the witness had said, "And as you sit with them you remember more of the peripheral parts ... I didn't sit and script a story."

If she had, it would surely have contained fewer holes.

Henein called the witness's testimony "implausible ... a bikini photo to the man who traumatized you?"

Lying was the theme of the cross-examination. That's not surprising in a sexual assault trial, but the emails and the sexy photo: Those were.

Ghomeshi never called, "Did he?" Henein asked.

"No," the witness said.

In a statement issued later, she said she remains "satisfied" that she came forward: "A weight has been lifted."

Inside the courtroom, one couldn't help but wonder if Ghomeshi, grim and expressionless, had a similar feeling: One down, two to go.

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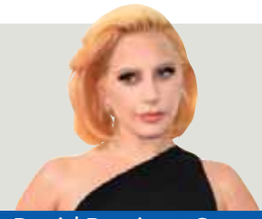

Lady Gaga to perform tribute to David Bowie at Grammys

A month-long food makeover

COOKBOOK

The Whole 30 diet program doesn't allow any slipups

Liz Brown
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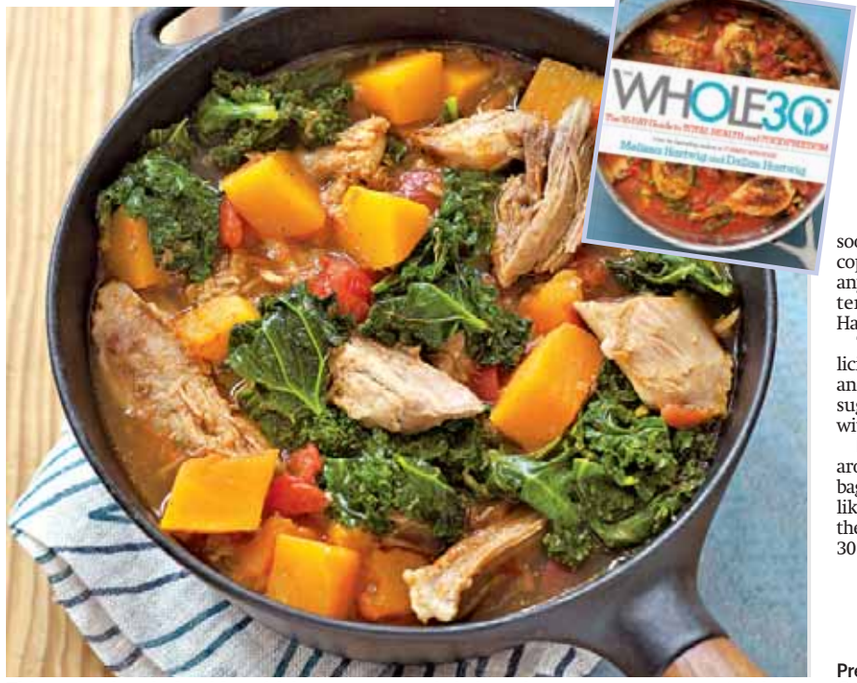

This roasted pork shoulder with butternut squash, kale and tomatoes, serves two (with leftovers). ALL PHOTOS: ALEXANDRA GRABLEWSKI

It's now February and reasonable to assume most of us have returned to wine, chocolate and cheese habits following a few weeks worth of New Year's resolutions.

But if you're willing to give your diet goals another go in 2016, you might consider the Whole 30 — a super-strict program that took social media by storm in 2015. Adherents to the eating plan used the #Whole30 hashtag over one million times last year to share recipes and moral support as they navigated a series of eating and behavioural changes outlined in the book.

It's a support network that's needed if you're to embark on the 30-day program, which allows for zero slipups and eliminates most of the consumables that bring us joy: grains, sugar, alcohol, dairy and legumes.

"According to habit research, social support and accountability are huge for people trying to make long-term changes," says Melissa Hartwig, explaining the vast online support system for The Whole 30 program, which includes forums and a blog at whole30.com. Hartwig is co-author of The Whole 30: The 30-Day Guide to Total Health and Food Freedom and has no sympathy for people who say they couldn't possibly give up all of these foods for a month. "You really can't give up sugar for a month? Because if you can't, I suggest you take a look at your relationship with sugar. It's only 30 days, not the rest of your life," she says.

The idea behind the program is to eliminate foods that research shows can be psychologically and physiologically problematic for many people — those foods that cause binging and sensitivities like bloating — and then reintroduce them slowly to see if any have adverse effects.

The idea is you'll also break bad eating habits — like reaching for that 2 o'clock cookie.

"The strictness isn't about a boot camp or a hazing," says Hartwig. "It's more of a food experiment."

For Hartwig, it's about changing behaviours and paying attention to how different foods make you feel on both a physical and psychological level.

"If you come home from a hard day at work and immediately reach for a glass of wine, this will make you consider what else you can do to calm and self-soothe. You're developing new coping skills, which is huge for anything you want to be long-term and sustainable," says Hartwig.

> **"The strictness isn't about a boot camp or a hazing. It's more of a food experiment."**
> Whole 30 co-author Melissa Hartwig

The recipes in the book are delicious, easy and nutrient dense and don't include dairy, grains, sugar or legumes, for anyone with sensitivities to these foods.

I'm still wrapping my head around a month without wine, baguettes and cheese, but recipes like the one below (on p. 344 of the book) are making the Whole 30 program more appealing.

Roasted Pork Shoulder with Butternut Squash, Kale and Tomatoes

Prep time: 10 minutes
Cook time: 3 hours
Total time: 3 hours 10 minutes

Ingredients

- 2 tsp paprika
- 1 tsp chili powder
- 1 tsp garlic powder
- 1 tsp onion powder
- 1 tsp salt
- 1/2 tsp black pepper
- 1/2 lime, juiced
- 1 1/2 pounds pork shoulder (boneless)
- 1 butternut squash, 1-inch diced
- 1 bunch kale, stems removed, leaves chopped
- 1 cup diced tomatoes

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 300 F. Mix the paprika, chili powder, garlic powder, onion powder, salt, and pepper in a small bowl. Add the lime juice and stir. Place the pork in a Dutch oven or deep roasting pan and coat all sides of the pork with the spice mixture. Add 1 cup of water and cover tightly with a lid or aluminum foil. Cook in the oven, turning the pork shoulder in the pan every 45 minutes.

2. After 2 hours and 15 minutes, add the butternut squash and 1/2 cup of water to the Dutch oven or pan. Cook for 30 more minutes, then add the kale and tomatoes. Place back in the oven for 15 minutes more.

3. Remove the pan from the oven and leave covered until you are ready to serve. With tongs or a slotted spoon, arrange the vegetables on plates, then break the pork apart into generous chunks and place over the vegetables. Spoon the braising liquid from the pan over the pork.

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Beyoncé's dress sparks online controversy

DEBATE

Coldplay video filmed in India shows singer in classic garb

Beyoncé dons traditional Indian clothes and jewellery in Coldplay's new music video. HANDOUT

Cultural appropriation or appreciation? That's the debate sparked by Coldplay's new music video, shot in Mumbai during the Hindu festival of Holi and featuring Beyoncé dressed in traditional clothes and jewellery, with henna on her hands.

Many accused the British band of using India as an "exotic playground" in the video for Hymn for the Weekend and reinforcing reductive stereotypes about the diverse country.

"If cultural appropriation means that a privileged group adopts the symbols and practices of a marginalized one for profit or social capital, then yes, Coldplay's video is committing cultural appropriation," Rashmee Kumar argued in The Guardian.

The depiction of Hindu practices and symbols in the video — from holy men levitating in robes to children covered in bright powders break-dancing in a slum — is through a white, western lens, Kumar wrote.

And that can "wield real power to reinforce the racial and colonial logics that undergird the way we think about non-western people, places and cultures."

Not everyone was offended by the video, however. "Beyoncé showed India in many ways and made it look beautiful and lovely. She portrayed India excellently. As an Indian, I loved it," one fan commented on Twitter.

"It's a song in the spectrum of joy, celebration and almost drunken abandon, something that no other festival but Holi symbolises for the world's masses," Kunal Anand wrote in the India Times. "The song isn't a 'real India', 'We-are-a-superpower' advertisement — this is Coldplay's own artistic interpretation. And do they make us look bad? No. This is what Mumbai's slums look like, and yet no one is looking filthy, underfed or unwell."

> **This is Coldplay's own artistic interpretation. And do they make us look bad? No.**
> Kunal Anand defends the band in the India Times

Coldplay even tweeted that the song reached number one on the iTunes India chart. "Thank you to the people of India for making us feel so welcome," the band wrote. But Coldplay has been accused of reinforcing cultural stereotypes in the past: in the video for the band's song Princess of China, Rihanna dons a series of Japanese Geisha-like costumes on a set that looks distinctly Chinese. That prompted criticism that Coldplay is not only culturally insensitive, but ignorant, too. Critics also say this isn't the first time India has been used as a stereotype-filled setting for Western artists. In her video for Bounce, Iggy Azalea — who is already strongly criticized for being a white woman from Australia who raps like she's black and from Atlanta — dances in a sari at a wedding in front of a backdrop of Indian women. Azalea also sports a gold headdress as she gyrates atop an elephant in the clip.

Coldplay and Beyoncé are slated to perform alongside Bruno Mars at the Super Bowl halftime show on Sunday, prompting questions about whether they will sing the new track.

"Here's hoping that Coldplay has decided to give their song a different visual cue, rather than trying to make the Super Bowl into a religious festival and a Bollywood extravaganza at halftime," wrote University of Pennsylvania religious and Africana studies professor Anthea Butler.

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JOHANNA SCHNELLER **WHAT I'M WATCHING**

Someone please talk to me about this show

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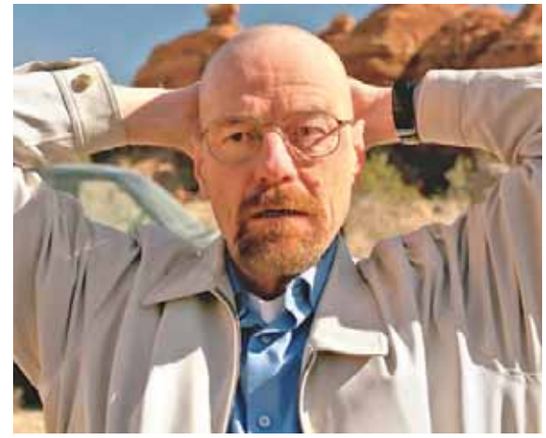
THE MOMENT: The Betrayal



Watching Breaking Bad after everyone moved on. CONTRIBUTED

For five seasons, Walter White (Bryan Cranston) and Jesse Pinkman (Aaron Paul) have been partners. They've cooked meth, murdered for each other, saved each other — together. Now, with the FBI closing in, Walt is hiring a Neo-Nazi to kill Jesse.

"Jesse is like family to me," Walt says. "I want what you do to be quick and painless. No suffering. No fear."

"I respect that," the Neo-Nazi says, swastika tats visible on his neck and hand. "There are too many savages out there."

OhmygodOhmygod. I'm three episodes from the end, and I am squirming in front of my screen. I didn't get into Breaking Bad when it was airing, but a few months ago I got hooked, and I've been working my way through it. (Miraculously, I've avoided spoilers.)

But the weird thing is, though I'm feeling so much, I have no one to dissect it with. Everyone who's seen it has moved on. Those still watching aren't where I am.

People have always experienced TV shows separately, in their homes. But when something is broadcast, you somehow feel connected to the unseen others out there — that they're watching with you. You're part of a collective experience, a conversation.

The way we watch now, separate from time, gives us freedom. But we sacrifice that connection.

I love Breaking Bad's aesthetic: all that talk of family, when really Walt and company are just stick figures scurrying under vast, indifferent blue skies. Watching these final episodes alone, that's how I feel, too.

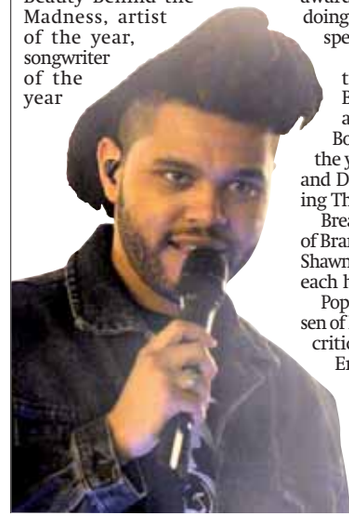
Johanna Schneller is a media connoisseur who zeroes in on pop-culture moments. She appears Monday through Thursday.

AWARDS

Weeknd leads with six Juno nods

After dominating the Billboard charts for many months and landing an Oscar nomination and seven Grammy nods, the Weeknd is now being recognized on home turf with a leading six Juno Award nominations.

The internationally acclaimed Toronto native, born Abel Tesfaye, is up for best album for Beauty Behind the Madness, artist of the year, songwriter of the year and the fan choice award.



Abel Tesfaye. GETTY IMAGES

Even fellow nominees were captivated by the Weeknd's hold on the music scene at Tuesday's Junos press conference.

"The sky is the limit for him," said Mike (Beard Guy) Taylor of Walk Off the Earth, which is up for awards including group of the year and the fan choice award. "What the Weeknd is doing right now is particularly special."

Next with five nominations apiece are Justin Bieber of Stratford, Ont., and Toronto rapper Drake. Both are also up for album of the year — Bieber for Purpose and Drake with If You're Reading This It's Too Late.

Breakout vocalist Alessia Cara of Brampton, Ont., and pop star Shawn Mendes of Pickering, Ont., each have four nominations.

Pop powerhouse Carly Rae Jepsen of Mission, B.C., who received critical kudos for her album Emotion and just made a splash in Fox's live TV production of Grease, only landed one nomination, for the fan choice award.

The key categories were noticeably weighted towards pop and hip-hop artists, which the Sheepdogs' Ryan Gullen said extends from an ongoing gravitation away from rock music in Canada. The band is up for best rock album.

"We don't make music to get nominations for awards shows," he said. "We make music because we like making music."

The Weeknd, Cara, Mendes, Bryan Adams and Dean Brody will be among the performers at the Juno Awards, which will air live from Calgary on CTV on April 3.

Other album of the year nominees include Mendes for Handwritten and francophone Jean Leloup for A Paradis City. Bieber, Drake, Mendes and the Weeknd are also nominated for artist of the year along with City and Colour.

Last year was a record-breaker for Canadian performers. Before Adele landed with Hello, the Weeknd, Bieber and Drake monopolized the top few spots on the Billboard singles chart, where Canadians rarely hit No. 1. Cara and Mendes also cracked the Top 10.

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CONSUMER ADVICE

Try these tips for saving money on products

From face wash to hair care, the cost of beauty can get ugly for many Canadians, particularly women.

In 2014, Canada outpaced the U.S. in the growth rate of prestige beauty-product consumption, with Canadians spending $1.4 billion, according to a study conducted by NDP Group, Inc., a U.S. consulting firm that services North American retailers.

The notion of falling into a beauty-spending trap has always been foreign to Karina Fuentes, who grew up in Mexico City creating home-made body lotions with her Grandma Lupita.

"We used whatever ingredients we could grow or buy at the grocery store, so the idea of spending lot of money on beauty essentials seemed silly," says Fuentes. "All of our homemade lotions for me were as effective as those I have store-bought."

On that premise, she and her husband, Scott Robinson, founded Your Feel Good Soap Company in May of 2011. This pseudo-DIY shop is filled with Fuentes' home-made recipes for soap, hair care and facial products, letting patrons customize the scent and essential oils in the products.

"Our goal is to make women and men realize with natural ingredients, beauty products can be multi-use and result in great savings," adds Robinson. "For example, a body cream can double as a facial moisturizer, or a shampoo can serve as a face wash and body wash."

Such product streamlining isn't a popular concept, because decades of cosmetic-counter conditioning have led women to believe they must "invest" in a beauty routine for it to be effective, says Dino Dilio a Toronto-based makeup artist who specializes in lessons that aim to simplify overcomplicated and expensive beauty regimes.

"You shouldn't need to put on 25 products before you are ready for work," says Dilio.

Before you break the bank on adding another regime or product to your daily routine, here's what the experts suggest:

Experts say women don't have to drop a fortune to get good beauty results. TORSTAR

How to get more bang for your beauty bucks

Simplify

"Simple is what everyone needs, especially on a daily basis," says Dilio. "Your morning process should consist of a face wash, moisturizer with SPF and finally some basic makeup, if you think you still need it."

Also save time and money by using your shampoo as a face and body wash, as long as the ingredients agree, adds retailer Karina Fuentes.

"All of these washes are created with very similar bases and you can really save your money by streamlining."

Do your research

"Many cosmetic counters are trained to sell more than help," says Dilio. "Really do your research before you commit to yet another serum or potion for what you're wanting to achieve." Websites like paulaschoice.com and ewg.org allow you to search the ingredients in your products, as well as having trials on the effectiveness.

Try the DIY route

If you have dark hair or an easy-to-maintain hair colour, the box hair colour route may be a great option for touching up grey roots.

A salon can charge upwards of $60 for a root touch-up; meanwhile at a health food store, an ammonia-free kit with all the tools can cost less than $15. If you don't care about chemicals, most of the kits at Shoppers cost under $10. Experiment between prestige and drug store brands

Kamila Caban, author of VickyB.TV, a Mississauga-based beauty blog, constantly tests and compares low-end makeup brands to their high-end competitors to ensure she isn't overspending. Both she and Dilio recommend using L'Oreal mascara to "mass-tige" brands like Lancome or Tarte. Caban also finds Revlon's Photoready Air Brush Effect Foundation more effective than Makeup Forever's Ultra HD Foundation.

"It's important to always test these recommendations on yourself, since every person's skin responds differently," she says. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

DIY BEAUTY

BYO BB cream

The major shortfall of BB creams (the new blend of moisturizer and foundations) is that they are only offered in limited colours.

"The world is bigger than three or four skin shades," says makeup artist Dino Dilio.

To get the perfect shade of BB cream, do it yourself and simply mix equal parts of your favourite liquid foundation and SPF moisturizer together.

Raid your kitchen

Avocado oil and castor oil can all be combined for one effective hair treatment, adds beauty blogger Kamila Caban. "Simply mix equal parts and apply the treatment to your scalp, you'll find your hair has never felt better."

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REVIEW

Light steering, quick response make for a worthy ride

Jil McIntosh
For Metro Canada

If a vehicle isn't quite ready for a complete makeover, automakers will often give it a "refresh" to spruce it up. That's what Volkswagen has done with its midsize Passat sedan, which gets a styling update and some interior tweaks.

There are some trim level changes as well. The diesel engine isn't currently offered, with no word on when or if it will return.

Instead, my tester carries a 1.8-litre turbocharged four-cylinder engine, which comes in four trim levels starting at $23,295. While you can get a manual transmission in the base trim, everything else uses a six-speed automatic. For those who want something more powerful, a 3.6-litre V6 comes exclusively in the new, top-line Execline trim for $38,295.

Having driven both, I find the smaller engine will be more than enough for most drivers. You get snappy acceleration and quiet cruising, although I did feel the transmission stutter a couple of times when slowing down.

The steering is light but the car responds quickly and accurately, with easy parking-lot manoeuvrability and a solid highway feel.

The new front and rear styling is more angular. It updates nicely while maintaining an overall design that some say is too understated, but which I think is timeless: this car is going to look good 10 years from now. The interior upgrades are more subtle, with a new steering wheel and instrument cluster. The infotainment system is updated for 2016, and Volkswagen has finally added USB ports. My only complaint is with the power mirror switch, which feels cheap and wobbly, and is awkward to use. Other controls are simple and easy, and everything is backlit at night, including the lock and window switches.

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As with most German cars, the seats are very firm, but don't let first impressions turn you off them. They're very supportive and stay very comfortable on longer drives. Rear-seat legroom is good, and the trunk is huge.

Overall, even if you can't get a diesel anymore, the Passat is worthy of consideration.

THE CHECKLIST | 2016 VOLKSWAGEN PASSAT

THE BASICS

Type. Four-door, five-passenger midsize sedan
Power. 1.8-litre turbo four-cylinder (170); 3.6-litre V6 (280)
Transmission. Six-speed manual or six-speed automatic
Price. $23,295 (base), $33,795 (as-tested), plus destination

COOL FEATURES

- Adaptive cruise control.
- Blind spot monitor with cross-traffic alert.
- Auto-dimming rearview mirror.
- Rain-sensing wipers
- Second-row USB port
- Rearview camera on all trim levels.
- Remote starter.

PASSAT PHOTOS: JIL MCINTOSH/FOR METRO; ALL OTHERS HANDOUT

POINTS

- The turbocharged engine takes 87-octane regular-grade gasoline and is rated at a combined city-highway 8.0 L/100 km.
- Smartphone integration with Android Auto, Apple CarPlay and MirrorLink on all trim levels.
- The new centre screen has a proximity sensor that brings up icons when your hand gets close to it, and a display with pinch and swipe ability.

MARKET POSITION

- VW stumbled when it cheapened some models to break into the lower-priced U.S. mass market segment. It's returning to improved interiors and more features to win back its core audience.

THE COMPETITION

Chevrolet Malibu
Base price: $21,745

Ford Fusion
Base price: $23,249

Toyota Camry
Base price: $24,100

BREMEN CLASSIC CAR SHOW

Alfa Romeo celebrates its avante-garde past

Alfa Romeo is set to headline this weekend's Bremen Classic Car show, when one of its most evocative and avant-garde concepts, the Caimano, takes center stage.

Although it was built on the Alfasud platform and used the same 68hp 1.2-liter boxer engine that powered the compact production hatchback, only someone with X-ray vision would have known that the Caimano and Alfasud were from the same company, yet alone the same planet, when the concept made its debut at the 1971 Turin motor show.

Italdesign, who created the concept were given a very simple brief — to design something that stood absolutely no chance of becoming a production reality. The company, headed up by legendary designer Giorgetto Giugiaro, duly obliged, creating the "wedge on wheels" with its sci-fi glass dome roof that slid forward to let passengers in and out and an adjustable rear spoiler that was part of the roof.

The car was cutting-edge, in the almost literal sense and ushered in the age of the wedge design approach that defined exotic Italian production cars including the Lamborghini Countach, Lancia Stratos and the Maserati Khamsin. But Alfa Romeo was first.

In recent times, Alfa has struggled to compete with growing competition and to rediscover that automotive recipe that had made it the sort of brand that people fall in love with. Nevertheless, the company has been going through a renaissance thanks to its wonderful 4C coupe and 4C spider ultra-light sportscars. It was getting ready to launch an entire new range of cars and to return to the U.S. market as a luxury sportscar maker, starting this year with the Giulia QV sports sedan.

However, the brakes are now being applied to the marque's ambitious plans to launch eight new models over the next two years. On Wednesday, FCA revealed that the new cars, which will include three SUVs, a direct competitor to the BMW 5 Series, a small hatchback and two 'speciality' vehicles — i.e., focused sports models — will now take until 2020 to arrive. That said, a special celebratory edition of the 4C spider designed to mark the iconic Ducetto Spider's 50th anniversary, is still expected to be unveiled at this year's Geneva Motor Show on March 1. AFP

ALFA ROMEO/HANDOUT

Niro fiddles with eco features

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KIA

Niro on sale late 2016

Kia's upcoming Niro compact hybrid tall wagon is part of the company's plan to spend $10 billion US through 2020 on a lineup of eco-friendly cars, including electric vehicles and a hydrogen-fuel-cell vehicle. "We foresee a wide range of eco-friendly powertrains co-existing for an extended period of time," a company official said. Based on a concept shown at the 2013 Frankfurt auto show in Germany, the Niro will go on sale globally late in 2016, followed by a plug-in hybrid model. A 1.6-litre gasoline engine mated to a 32-kilowatt electric motor will motivate the Niro.

2016 C-MAX ENERGI

Plug-in hybrid has three years of free charging

Charging an electric car is already much cheaper than paying for gasoline, notes alternate vehicle webmag Green Car Reports, but free charging can be even more attractive. Ford is exploring that appeal in California and Maryland for buyers of its 2016 C-Max Energi plug-in hybrid. The company's EV 1-2-3 Charge card grants free access to more than 500 public charging stations for three years.

THE GREEN ANGLE

Metro's weekly picks for the latest in environmental news

MIDSIZE PICKUPS

Colorado undergoes army testing

The Chevrolet Colorado midsize pickup has been selected by the United States Army to undergo testing for hydrogen-fuel cell function in the field. Engineers from GM and the Army's Tank Automotive Research, Development and Engineering Center in Michigan are modifying the truck for a 12-month test to evaluate the fuel cell's performance under "punishing" military duty, reports industry journal Automotive News.

IN BRIEF

Honda's Clarity Fuel Cell on sale this year

Honda's Clarity Fuel Cell hydrogen sedan will go on sale in late 2016, initially in California only, to be followed in 2018 by a plug-in hybrid with at least 64 kilometres of electric range.

BMW sports bike powered by electricity

An experimental electric motor is the power source for the latest iteration of BMW's S1000RR sports bike. The motor and the bike's range and performance are still mysteries.

Mercedez_Benz to build diesel engines near Detroit

Mercedes-Benz parent company will invest $375 million US at a complex near Detroit, Mich., to build diesel engines for medium duty trucks. It's part of a larger strategy of building and selling trucks, engines, transmissions and axles as a package.

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In the Air Tonight is fading out as Josh Donaldson's walk-up music; this year it'll be Ball Like This by L.A. Leakers feat. Future and Wiz Khalifa

NHL PENS OUT-GUN SENS Ottawa goaltender Craig Anderson makes a save against the Penguins' Matt Cullen, bottom right, in Pittsburgh on Tuesday night. Sidney Crosby had a hat-trick as the Penguins prevailed 6-5.
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PREMIER LEAGUE

Vardy's brace keeps Leicester at the top

Jamie Vardy's stunning volley set Leicester on its way to a 2-0 victory over Liverpool on Tuesday, keeping the unlikely title challengers at the top of the Premier League.

Manchester City and Tottenham also won to stay in touch with Leicester, but Arsenal was held 0-0 by Southampton and dropped to fourth place.

Leicester preserved its three-point lead over City and its title charge shows no sign of slowing — nor does Vardy's prolific form this season.

The England striker volleyed in a looping shot from 25 metres before adding another goal in the second half to sink Liverpool at King Power Stadium and take his tally to 18 this campaign.

"We are free of pressure," Leicester manager Claudio Ranieri said. "The players have a good feeling." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

IN BRIEF

Stewart hospitalized after ATV accident

Three-time NASCAR champion Tony Stewart was hospitalized Tuesday with a back injury and Stewart-Haas Racing said the team was unsure of the extent of his injuries just a week before he is expected in Daytona to prepare for his final season in Sprint Cup.

The 44-year-old Stewart was injured Sunday during an accident while he was riding an all-terrain vehicle somewhere on the West Coast, SHR spokesman Mike Arning told The Associated Press. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

DeRozan, Lowry named co-players of month in East

Toronto Raptors all-star guards DeMar DeRozan and Kyle Lowry were named co-winners of the NBA's Eastern Conference player of the month award on Tuesday.

DeRozan and Lowry led the Raptors to 12-2 record in January. Toronto finished the month on a franchise-record 11-game winning streak.

Kevin Durant of the Oklahoma City Thunder took the Western Conference honour.
THE CANADIAN PRESS

Oher 'a key asset' on the blindside

NFL

Tackle rewards Panthers for taking a chance on him

When Cam Newton discovered the Carolina Panthers planned to make a run at signing Michael Oher last off-season, he texted the free agent offensive tackle: "I need you. I don't want you. I NEED you."

Newton had sent text messages before to potential free agent prospects — but this time he was desperate.

The Panthers weren't planning to re-sign struggling left tackle Byron Bell, and Newton needed someone to protect his blindside. He thought Oher, the main character in the popular movie by that name, would be a perfect fit.

The fifth-year quarterback turned out to be right.

Oher is having his best statistical season, and the Panthers (17-1) are the highest-scoring offence in the league and will play the Denver Broncos in the Super Bowl on Sunday.

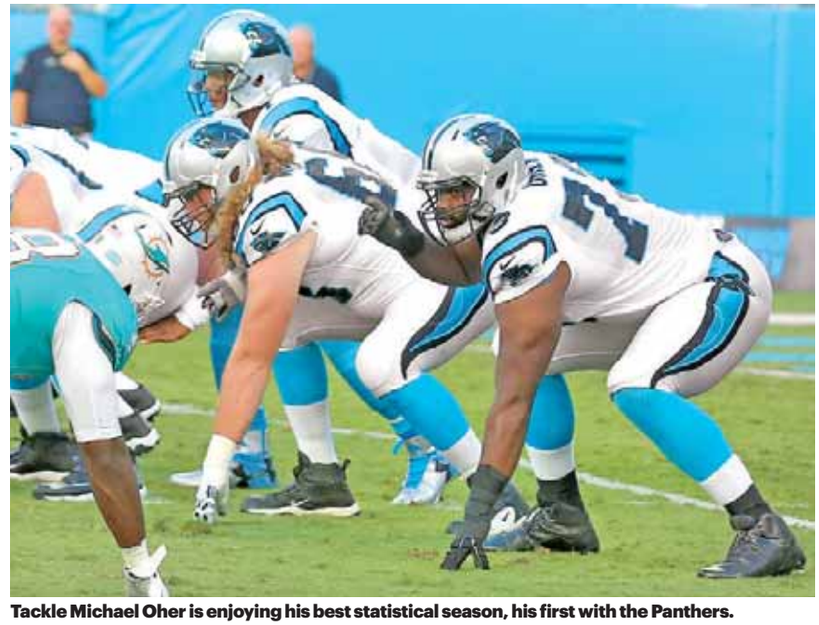
"Yeah, it meant a lot," Oher said emphatically Monday night. "I mean, it's Cam Newton. You get a text from Cam Newton telling you that he needs you, well, you appreciate that. It's definitely something that resonated with me."

Turns out Newton had inside knowledge on Oher.

Newton's younger brother Cecil, an offensive lineman, had been teammates with Oher with the Baltimore Ravens and raved to his brother about Oher's work ethic and professionalism.

Newton bought in — and so did the Panthers.

Oher signed a two-year, $7-million contract with Carolina, a move that wasn't particularly popular with Panthers fans considering he'd struggled in 2014 with the Tennessee Titans and been released one year into a three-year contract.



Tackle Michael Oher is enjoying his best statistical season, his first with the Panthers.
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"I got killed on that one," Panthers general manager Dave Gettleman said.

But Oher has been solid.

In fact, he's been more than solid, helping the Panthers finish second in the NFL in rushing and helping Newton achieve an MVP-type season with 45 combined touchdowns.

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Oher allowed just four sacks this season.

Oher played in 98.4 per cent of the team's snaps this season and allowed a career-low four sacks — tied for eighth-fewest in the league — and was penalized only three times for 25 yards, according to STATS.

Those numbers were a major improvement over his final two seasons in Baltimore, when he allowed a combined 21-1/2 sacks, and last season when he allowed six sacks in 11 starts with the Titans.

"He's been a key asset to say the least," Newton said.

Panthers centre Ryan Kalil said Oher had the perfect personality to fit in on Carolina's comedic offensive line.

"Michael Oher has a great personality and an incredible work ethic," Kalil said. "You talk about trying to add talent to your football team, but you also want good character guys who will rub off on the younger guys and show guys what it means to be a pro — and Michael Oher is the epitome of that."
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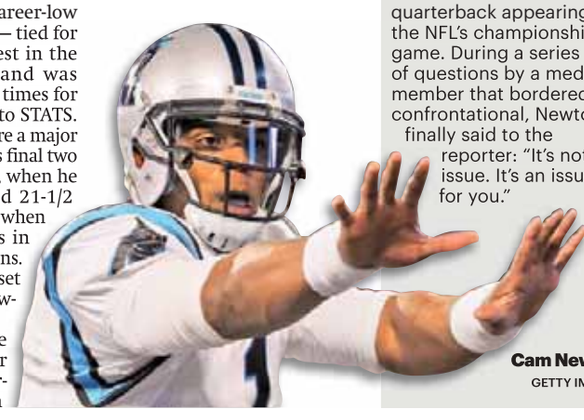

Cam Newton
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RACE

Newton tired of black QB issue being a talking point

Cam Newton wants any discussion of black quarterbacks in a Super Bowl put away.

For good.

Newton on Tuesday emphatically tried to lay to rest any relevance of an African-American quarterback appearing in the NFL's championship game. During a series of questions by a media member that bordered on confrontational, Newton finally said to the reporter: "It's not an issue. It's an issue for you."

RECIPE Pork Fried Noodles

PHOTO: MAYA VISNYEI

Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh
For Metro Canada

This is one of the dishes that make you feel like it came from a restaurant rather than your own kitchen. In other words, be prepared to crave it every week.

Ready in
Prep time: 45 minutes
(30 minutes marinade time)
Total time: 65 minutes
Serves 4 to 6

Ingredients
- 1 lb ground pork or chicken
- 1 Tbsp corn starch
- 2 Tbsp canola oil, divided
- 1 tsp sugar
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 onion, chopped
- 1 carrot, grated
- 1 cup bean sprouts
- 1/2 cups chopped green beans
- 1 Tbsp soy sauce
- 1 tsp fish sauce
- 1 tsp salt
- 1 tsp pepper
- 1 package of noodles

Directions
1. Marinate pork in soy sauce, corn starch, 1 Tbsp oil and sugar for 30 minutes.
2. In a large frying pan, heat remaining oil over medium heat. Add garlic and onion, lower heat and cook until translucent. Add chopped meat to pan. Cook meat thoroughly, about 5 minutes.
3. Cook noodles in boiling water according to package directions. Drain and put aside.
4. Mix carrot, bean sprouts and green beans into meat mixture. Toss and blend together then add fish and soy sauce as well as salt and pepper. Sauté until vegetables cook, about 3 to 5 minutes. Then remove from heat.
5. Toss vegetables and all its liquid with noodles and serve.

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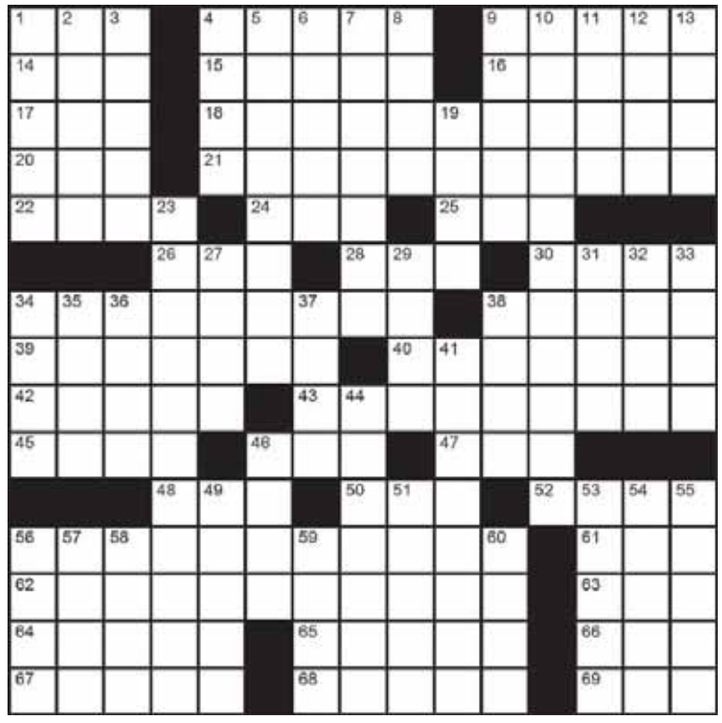

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14. _ shot (Seasonal needle)
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17. Weight unit, variantly
18. Weightlifter's repetitive arm exercise: 2 wds.
20. Energy unit
21. Sports... They occur in overtime: 2 wds.
22. Newbie
24. Nero's 56
25. French 'friend'
26. Director Ang
28. Wee cooking measurement
30. Sweet'_ _ (Sugar substitute)
34. Dry up
38. Bright lizard
39. Versus
40. Q-tips user, say
42. 1978 hit for Canadian singer Gino Vannelli: "I Just _ Stop"
43. Quaint bathroom sink
45. Hitch
46. Lettered carpooling lane
47. 'Jacob' suffix
48. Harper Valley gr.
50. Bard's 'throughout'
52. Horse-hauled cart
56. Happenings
61. Alter _
62. Michael J. Fox's wife who played his girlfriend on "Family Ties": 2 wds.
63. Evian, par exemple
64. Distance races, in slang, e.g.: wds.
65. "The Poseidon Adventure" (1972) director Ronald
66. Mr. Diesel
67. View, Bible-style
68. Composer/pianist Erik
69. Manchester, _.

DOWN
1. A lot
2. Plant life
3. Mushrooms
4. _ collector
5. Online stores
6. Religious title, e.g.: 2 wds.
7. 1981: "I Love a Rainy Night" by Eddie _
8. Flanders river
9. Happy as _ _ (Glad)
10. Toronto-born singer/songwriter Robbie Robertson was once part of Bob Dylan's what?: 2 wds.
11. Rock's Motley _
12. _ Rebellion (Early-1840s insurrection in Rhode Island)
13. Building additions
19. Spring
23. Hazards in hockey: 2 wds.
27. Dame _ Everage
29. Legis. meeting
31. Sci. rooms
32. Sacred Buddhist peak
33. Notify of danger
34. Stealing birds
35. "A Summer Place" (1959) star Richard
36. Juliette Binoche's "The English Patient" (1996) character
37. It's _ _-way street
38. Rhyming scheme
41. "What place is this?": 3 wds.
44. Anne of Green Gables setting
46. Large instrument
49. Unfaithful one's meet up
51. Splendid display
53. Actor Christopher
54. An additional time
55. "Forever _" by Rod Stewart
56. Baseball great Mel's surnamesakes
57. First Nation of Manitoba
58. Furniture making material
59. Ages and ages
60. Dagger of yore

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

Aries March 21 - April 20
You may feel as if you can take on the world and win, and maybe you can, but don't get over-confident or you could be in for a major let-down. Life moves in cycles. Nothing stays the same, so be ready for change.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
You have a vague feeling that something is not quite right but you can't put your finger on what. Usually your instincts are spot on but this time, it seems, they have got it wrong.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
You have something to say. Certain people are unlikely to welcome your words. For you the truth is sacred and you won't keep quiet just to make others feel good.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
Stop wasting time and energy on activities that don't pay. Start today by turning down a social invitation that's not important. Don't worry that they won't ever invite you again — that's something to be thankful for.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
The old always gives way to the new. Keep that thought in mind today and it will be easier to let go of something that is holding you back.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
It may seem strange to others that you spend so much time thinking and analyzing but to you it's natural. You will be in an especially thoughtful mood today, so don't weigh yourself down with practical matters.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
There's a task that needs finishing. Get to it before time runs out this weekend. Make a special effort to tackle it today and you'll be surprised how easily things it comes together.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
You don't take kindly to others disagreeing with you but someone will ignore your advice and follow their own path today. Don't make an issue of it. You can say "I told you so" later!

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
You find it easy to accept that different people see things in different ways. That's good because one particular person has been acting strangely. Make it your business to understand them — then help them.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Upheavals are likely today and there is not much you can do about them. Come the weekend you'll move into a more positive phase, one in which you can call the shots for a change.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
More than most you realize that change is necessary. Hold onto that positive attitude today as certain people upset the status quo. You can't change what they're doing but you can find ways to benefit from it.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
You can be a bit too obliging for your own good but that is not an option now. You are going to have to fight for what you desire. Throw off that "nice guy" tag once and for all.

CONCEPTIS SUDOKU by Dave Green

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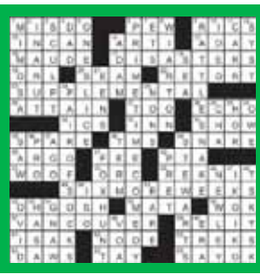

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